REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the present Application. In response to Examiner's comment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-26, and 34-42, without prejudice. Applicants have also presented new Claim 43 (objectionable Claim 6 rewritten in independent form) and new Claim 44 (objectionable Claim 7 rewritten in independent form).

No other art is cited in the Office Action. Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No.06-1505.

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